

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.036

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Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Finance was held on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Jane Nelson, Chair  
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., Vice Chair  
Senator Paul Bettencourt  
Senator Dawn Buckingham  
Senator Donna Campbell  
Senator Brandon Creighton  
Senator Kelly Hancock  
Senator Joan Huffman  
Senator Lois Kolkhorst  
Senator Robert Nichols  
Senator Charles Perry  
Senator Charles Schwertner  
Senator Larry Taylor  
Senator Royce West  
Senator John Whitmire

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair made opening remarks.

Senator Nelson laid out SB 1. Testimony was heard on SB 1 – Article VII and Article VIII. Witnesses testifying and registering are shown on the attached list.

Article VII

Department of Motor Vehicles

Workforce Commission & The Reimbursements to the Unemployment Compensation Benefit Account

Department of Housing and Community Affairs

Senator Lucio assumed the chair.

Lottery Commission

Senator Nelson resumed the chair.

Department of Transportation

Senator Lucio assumed the chair.

Senator Nelson resumed the chair.

Article VIII

Department of Licensing and Regulation

Trade Related Article VIII Agencies

Board of Plumbing Examiners

Board of Professional Geoscientists

Health Related Article VIII Agencies

Board of Dental Examiners

Medical Board

Board of Nursing

Optometry Board

Board of Pharmacy

Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners

Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council

At 2:18 PM Senator Nelson announced that the Committee stand recessed until one hour upon adjournment of the Senate.

At 5:02 PM the Committee reconvened.

Health Professions Council

Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners  
Board of Chiropractic Examiners  
State Office of Administrative Hearings  
Department of Insurance  
Office of Public Insurance Counsel  
Office of Injured Employee Counsel  
Public Utility Commission  
Office of Public Utility Counsel  
Racing Commission  
Funeral Service Commission  
Securities Board  
Special Provisions Relating to All Regulatory Agencies

Public testimony was heard.

The chair closed testimony on Articles VII and VIII.

Senator Nelson moved that SB 1 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 7:22 PM Senator Nelson moved that the Committee stand recessed until Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 9:00 AM. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Jane Nelson, Chair

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Stephanie Hoover, Clerk